

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicants have requested entry of the amendment filed October 19, 2001, if it has not already been entered.

The Joy of Cooking article indicates that butter can be used to glaze carrots. The Office indicates that it would be obvious to use the product of Halstrom, U.S. Patent No. 4,160,850 in the Joy of Cooking recipe. Halstrom et al. teach a mix which is useful for the consumer preparation of spreadable butter substitutes. Preferred emulsifiers are said to be phytosterols, and phytosterols are included in, e.g. Examples I and II and others.

The Office does not explain why one of ordinary skill would single out the Halstrom et al. mix from among the many other prior art butters, margarines and spreads for use in the Joy of Cooking recipe. For instance, Halstrom et al. includes at least two somewhat unusual features. That is, the spread is presented in the form of a mix and the preferred emulsifier is phytosterol. Why one of ordinary skill would select this butter substitute for use in a recipe for glazed carrots, in the absence of hindsight gained from Applicants disclosure, is not at all clear. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

The Office indicates in the Office Action of May 16, 2001 that certified copies of the priority documents have not been received. Since a copy of European Patent

Application No. 98204419.0 was submitted on March 27, 2000, it is respectfully requested that the Office indicates in what respect the document was deficient. Applicant's file copy of the first page of the document indicates that the document was certified.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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